

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

# HOUSE BILL NO. 2143

98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE SMITH.

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

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## AN ACT

To amend chapter 173, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the transfer of college credits.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Chapter 173, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be  
2 known as section 173.1450, to read as follows:

2 **173.1450. 1. The provisions of this section shall be known and may be referred to**  
2 **as the "College Credit Disclosure Act".**

3 **2. Except as provided in subsection 4 of this section, institutions of higher education**  
4 **located within the state that grant college-level credit that are not accredited by a regional**  
5 **accrediting body recognized by the United States Department of Education shall disclose**  
6 **during the admission application process, in writing, that the institution has not achieved**  
7 **regional accreditation recognized by the department.**

8 **3. The disclosure required in subsection 2 of this section shall be provided to an**  
9 **enrolling student prior to registering for any class granting credit and the student shall**  
10 **sign the disclosure, either in writing or electronically, acknowledging receipt of such**  
11 **disclosure. The disclosure provided shall contain the following wording, in no less than**  
12 **fourteen-point font:**

13 **"College level credits earned at (Institution name) may not be transferrable to other**  
14 **higher-learning/postsecondary learning institutions, including, but not limited to,**  
15 **universities, colleges, junior colleges, community colleges, or trade schools accredited by**  
16 **a regional accrediting body recognized by the United States Department of Higher**  
17 **Education.**

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

18           **Contact the institution receiving the transferred credit(s) for more information.".**  
19           **4. Notwithstanding any provision of this section or any other law, institutions of**  
20 **higher education affiliated with religious organizations that are accredited by a national**  
21 **faith-related accrediting organization recognized by the United States Department of**  
22 **Education shall be exempt from the disclosure requirements of this section.**

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